

CHAPTER XIII.-Continued

I did my best to leave them alone

on the way back, but Miss Patty stuck

"It appears so," Mr. Pierce said.

"Under what circumstances?"

marked demuraly

all have been in!"

sounded like Thoburn.

cated."

"Never had a cold. I'll scrape it off

Popular Ebuilitions in Ireland's

Ancient Capital.

it would take two trips."

Minnle, spring-house girl at Hope sanarium, tells the story. It opens with the rival of Miss Party Jennings, who is refect to be engaged to marry a prince of the death of the eld doctor who own a sanatorium. The estate is left to spegrace grandson, Dicky Carter, who ast appear on a certain date and rule anatorium successfully for two inthe or forfeit the inheritance. A case mumps delays Dick's arrival. Mr. Thom is shovering about in hopes of seeing the place for a summer hotel stree, a college man in hard luck, is prolled upon by Van Alstyne, Dick's brothe in-law, to impersonate the missing held take charge of the sanatorium untitier arrives. Dick, who has eloped the Patty's younger sister, Dorothy, area, and the couple go into hiding in old shelter house. Fearing to face rothy's father, who is at the sanator. Dick arranges with Pierce to conue in the management of the property, is Summers, leading lady of Pierce's anoded theatrical company, arrives, is suing Dicky for breach of promise, is suing Dicky fo "I never have a cold!" she retorted. her head and laughed. 'Why, Minnie, is that you?" tern-warn the shelter-house!" and warn them."

Thoburn's grumbling came to us "I can't climb the fence!" Miss Pat- checked me. ty said pitifully. But Mr. Pierce had

I reached my basket through the ple in hand. You're not able to look bars and climbed the fence in a hurry. Miss Patty had got almost to the top and was standing there on one snow-

through the darkness.

"I can't, Minnie," she whispered by Papa Thoburn. A good fat man is hopelessly. "I never could climb a fence, and in this skirt—" is bad he is horrid." "Quick!" I said in a low tone. The

lantern was very close. "Put your leg "He can't get it now."

at me like a scared baby. "Now the other."

She did, and sat there looking down

"I-I can't!" she whispered. "If I and a bill of sale on it in as many out them both over I'll fall." "Hurry!!" With a little grunt she put the other foot over, sat a minute with agony in her face and her arms out, then she

slid off with a squeal and brought up news stand the next morning before in a sitting position inside the fence gymnasium. corner. I dropped beside her. "Well," he "What was that noise?" said The

burn, almost upon us. "Something's the glad tidings?" moving inside that fence corner." "It's them deers," Mike's voice this time. We could make out the three lately, and not much of it has cheered figures. "Darned nuisance, them deers

close to my heels. It was snowing, is. They'd have been shot long ago and the going was slow. For the first if the springhouse girl hadn't object up through his hair. ed. She thinks she's the whole cheese "And so Miss Summers and Dicky
Carter are old friends!"

ed. She thinks around here."
"Set it dow

"Set it down again," Mr. von In- friend Thoburn, or he'll come to a bad wald panted. We heard the rattle of end." "She's rather magnanimous, under bottles as they put down the basket, the circumstances," Miss Patty read the next instant Thoburn's fat filling up the chewing gum jar. (Mr. hand was resting on the rail of the fence over our heads. I could feel case.) I heard her laugh a little, behind me. Miss Patty trembling beside me, But he didn't look over. He stood "Never mind," she said. "You

needn't tell me anything you don't there resting, breathing hard, and care to. But what a stew you must swearing at the weather, while Mike waited, in surly slience, and the von There was a minute's silence behind Inwald cursed in German. me, and then Mr. Pierce laughed too. After my heart had been beating in

"Stew!" he said. "For the last few my ears for about three years the fat days I've been either paralyzed with hand moved, and I heard the rattle of cupboard?" fright or electrified into wild bursts glass again and Thoburn's groans as "I know about it," I said shortly. to business, but I was seething inside pering and laughing, in groups which of mendacity. And I'm not naturally he bent over his half of the load.

"Liquor—in a case labeled Books— like a Seidlitz powder. Every few "Come on," he said, and the others breakable."

"Really!" she retorted. "What an grunted and started on. gained a little on them. At the cortion and prepared to scurry home. I fles, lobster, cheese, fine clgars, everyner where the path skirted the deer climbed the fence and looked after thing you could think of, crotic, exsure whether to thank providence or park and turned toward the house I them. "Humph!" I said, "I guese that otic and narcotic. An orgy in cans the man, but she's pretty sure to make lost them altogether and I floundered basket isn't for the hungry poor. I'd and bottles, a bacchanalian revel; a a fool of herself.

On alone. But I had not gone twenty give a good bit to know—" Then I cupboard full of indigestion, joy, forturned and looked for Miss Patty. She getfulness and katzenjammer. Oh, my feet when I stopped suddenly. About fifty yards ahead a lantern was comwas flat on the snow, crawling be- suffering palate, to have to leave it all to the bond.

toward me through the snow, nad tween the two lower rails of the fence. without one sniff, one sip, one nibble!" I could hear a man's voice, breathless "Have you no shame?" I demanded. She looked up at me with her head "Set it down," it said. "The damned and half her long sealskin coat life." thing must be filled with lead," It through the fence.

"None," she said pitifully. "Minnie "It's the snow," another voice re-I'm stuck perfectly tight!" plied; Mr. von Inwald's. "I told you "You ought to be left as you are." sald, jerking at her, "for people to

in groans. "Stay up all night to get we lay together in the enow and like rascal, but he is also a student of and in this toss, heads win. to burst a rib laughing.

She sat up suddenly and straight-

ened her sealskin cap on her head. "I wish," she said unpleasantly. "I vish you wouldn't always drag in disagreeable things, Minnie!" And she was sulky all the way to

wrapper with a band of fur around the low neck-Miss Summers, of and that's why Pierce is trailing his on her way to the gymnasium. She course, not the hot-water bottle. "Well!" she said, sitting down on

the foot of the bed and staring at me, stewed fruit." "Well, young woman, for a person who has never been farther away than Fin- put it behind me. leyville you do pretty well!" "Do what?" I asked, with the covers

up to my chin. "Do what, Miss Innocence!" she said mer hotel for nothing. It is notoriousmockingly, "You're the only red-haired ly weak, especially as to stomach, You there?" oman I ever saw who didn't look as may feed 'em prunes and whole-wheat into the pocket of her dressing-gown remember only the lean and hungry the blamed stuff here, and then get and brought up a cigarette and a ones. But let some student of human the puffs! Perhaps you will lend them hat, if anything with sails can wear a up at dawn for a cold bath and a match. "You never had me fooled for nature at the proper moment introduce to me if we arrange for a country hat, and going up to her with his heart twenty-mile walk and an apple for a minute!" She looked at me over the just one fat 'day, one feast, one breakfast. Ugh, my shoulder is dislo- match.

I lay and stared back. "And another thing," she said. "I ty and Pierce. They had stopped in never had any real intention of marry- fancy," he objected. "If you want Miss Cobb was not offended. She went extraordinary thing he wanted to say the shelter of the fence corner and ing Dicky Carter and raising a baby the truth, Thoburn is going to have a Mr. Pierce was on his knees in front sanatorium. I wouldn't have the face party-a forbidden feast. He's going of her! I was so astounded that I for- to ask Arabella to live here." got for the moment what had brought "I'm glad you feel that way, Miss petite, and send them ravening back

Summers," I said. "I've gone through to the Plaza, to Sherry's and Del's "Just a second," he was saying, "It's a lot; I'm an old woman in the last and the little Italian restaurants on two weeks. My hair's falling from its Sixth avenue. He's going to take "Please get up off your knees, you'li having to stand up on end half the them upon a high mountain and show

them the wines and delicatessen of She leaned over and put her cigar- the earth, and then ask them if they're

"GLORIOUS" RIOTS IN DUBLIN | throne a decrepit old woman, in whose | off some other fond creature clings to London Newspaper Thus Describes cent veers celebrated the relief of rolls. Off the grim revolutionaries sai- they may only gradually awaken to rare and exotic plants, says the Chris-Dublin was pro-Boer, but lied, the necessary gallows ready, to the sad results of their spree. Thinky college was on the side of the seize their lawyer. Righy, however, brother From their stronghold had scented mischief, and had "pruen Celloge fireen the Trinity "boys" dently gone into the country."-London Chronicie.

decended in their fury upon the town. It was a storous half hour Dublin was spo Ung for a fight. But the arrive! wen the scene of the reyal Irish brought about a change the Congo region on the west coast curious little organism, either oval day he noticed a strange thing that complished by these nets is to be eition of forces. The con- of Africa, the monkeys there are in- or round, and equipped with two set his pulses throbbing—a singular found in the ease with which the tend no at mice joined in a vigorous ordinately foud of a kind of beer small flagella or lash-like extensions. fruit had begun to set. Sending for greater part of the fish may be deand effective englaught, against the made by the natives, who use the When examined under a microscope an expert, they took counsel togeth- ceived with the aid of any bait, natcommon clemy. For every frishman baverage to capture their poor rela- the bodies of these minute specks of er. They knew that this was the ural or artificial. The pellucid water

outh they placed a pipe and invited the hand of the latter one, and anothher to smoke. In the house of com- er to his hand; thus a single negro Over Nearly Four Hundred Miles It meas they proposed to make a bonfire may sometimes be seen carrying off of the journals, but were diverted by a n string of staggering monkeys. more enticing proposal to hang Rigby. When secured, the beer is administhe newly appointed master of the tered in decreasing quantities, so that

The mob on December 3. poor creatures are too much fuddled crystallize the resulting salt has a that story brought the explanation. the fish, which are extraordinarily nesses, you will find she did it with a ended upon the houses of to recognize the difference between reddish tinge, and Mr. Whitteron sug- A merchant wrote that years before plentiful, even in the lower reaches knife; but if you simply take the asparliament and testified to their scorn negro and ape. When a negro takes gests that each organism may be the he had brought to Marsellles a young before it falls into that deathly lake pect of the pencil, you will say she name," i. e., for his sake. by seating upon the the hand of one of them to lead him nucleus about which a crystal forms. plant from the Amazon. The pollen which the Arabs call the Sea of Lot. did it with her teeth."

AUTHOR OF THE STAIRCASE, THE MAN IN LOWER TEN, WHEN A MAN MARRIES ILLUSTRATED & EDGAR BERT SMITH COPYRIGHT (502 6) PROBLECO. with my knife. Why don't you wear | ette on the back of my celluloid mir- | going to be bullied into eating boiled | put a small package on the counter, | ror, and then suddenly she threw back | beef and cabbage." and stared at me over it. "There's "Then I don't care how soon he treachery here, black treachery." She There are no obstacles now." "Minnie!" she said, between fits, does it," I said despondently. "I'd pointed one long thin forefinger at the bundle.

"Quick," I panted. "Thoburn and "Minnie! As long as I live I'll never rather die quickly than by inches." "Die!" he said. "Not a bit of it. Mr. von Inwald coming—basket—lan forget that wretched boy's face! And tern—warn the shelter-house!" forget that wretched boy's face! And the blankets Remember, our friend Pierce is also a stepping back. More than once it had "Great Scott!" Mr. Pierce said over the windows! And the tarpaulin student of human nature. He's think- occurred to me that having royalty ly, "how grateful she was to both of "Here, you girls crawl over the fence; over the rafters! And Mr. Van Alling it out now in the cold plunge, and around sometimes meant dynamite. us. you'll be hidden there. I'll run back styne sitting on the lawnmower! I'd I miss my guess if Thoburn's sky- Miss Cobb showed her teeth. rather have had my minute in that rocket hasn't got a stick that'll come The lantern was swinging again, Mr. doorway than fifty thousand dollars!" back and hit him on the head."

WHERE THERE'S AV

"Can't he!" She got up and yawned,

sretching. "Well, I'll lay you ten to

one that if we don't get busy he'll have

the house empty in thirty-six hours,

days." Then she told me what she

knew of Thoburn's scheme, and it

Doctor Barnes came to me at the

"Well," he said, "you look as busy

"What?" I asked without much spir-

as a dog with fleas. Have you heard

it. "I've heard considerable tidings

He leaned over and ran his fingers

"You know, Miss Minnie," he said,

somebody ought kindly to kill our

Pierce had taken away the candy

Doctor Barnes glanced around to

"The cupboard isn't empty now!" he

part of the night in the Dicky-bird's

He's wasting his money," I said.

He looked around and, seeing no on

"Strange," he said, looking at it

"Human nature's a curious thing. It's

numan nature, for instance, for me to

be crazy about you, when you're as

"But alas," he said, "there is another

friend Thoburn has not kept a sum-

"Talk English," I said sharply

"Don't break in on my flights of

to rouse again the sleeping dogs of ap-

one of my hands.

of a fist like that!"

I jerked my hand away.

me up any."

leaned farther over.

MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

He had been playing with one of the was out, goodness knows where, "If you had had to carry out all those things-"I began, but she chewing gum jars, and when he had Blanche Moody and I went through gone I shoved it back into its place. her room. We did not find my precious can never thank you enough." It was by the merest chance that I "Listen!" she said. "Somebody with glanced at it, and I saw that he had find these. Minnie, tied around with a of it, and he leaned over and looked in brains has got to take you young peoslipped a small white box inside. On pink stocking. Minnie, I have felt it her face. the lid was written "For a good girl," all along. Mr. Oskar von Inwald is the "I thin after yourselves. I'm fond of Alan the lid was written "For a good girl," all along. Mr. O Pierce, for one thing, and I don't care and inside lay the red puffs from Mrs. prince himself." Yost's window down in Finleyville. to see a sanatorium that might have covered rail, staring across at me been the child of my solicitude kid- Just under them was an envelope. I naped and reared as a summer hotel could scarcely see to open it. "Dearest Minnie," the note inside

said, "I had them matched to my thatch, and I think they'll match "It's too late," I objected feebly, yours. And since, in the words of the great Herbert Spencer, things that



"Last Call to the Dining Car, Minnie."

"P. S .- I love you. I feel like a body else. see if there was anyone near, and damn fool saying it, but heaven knows it's true." P. P. S .- Still love you, It's easier

said. "Not for nothing did I spend the second time." "N. B .- I love you-got the habit now and can't stop writing it.-B."

"Almost a goal. But not only liquors, edge of the stand, and the more I read my eye on them. When they had disappeared in the my little friend. Champagne-cases of it the more excited I get. When a snow we got out of our cramped post- it-caviar, canned grouse with truf- woman's gone past thirty before she Then I cupboard full of indigestion, joy, for- Thoburn came to the news stand on

his way out with the ice-cutting gang "Last call to the dining car, Minnie,"

he said. "'Will you-won't you-will "They're all crazy about the simple you-won't you-will you join the "I haven't any reason for changing my plans," I retorted. "I promised the

in the lobby, reached over and took old doctor to stick by the place, and I'm sticking." "As the man said when he sat down "No webs, and yet it's been an amphion the fly paper. You're going by your bious little creature most of its life.

lerk. She came through at that, and My dear girl, our friend Thoburn is a heart, Minnie, and not by your head, But with my new puffs on the back of mankind and a philosopher. Gee." he "You'll never be a princess, Miss said, "think of a woman fighting her my head, and my letter in my pocket Patty," I declared. "You're too lowly way alone through the world with a bit I wasn't easy to discourage. Thoburn shouldered his pick and, headed by Doctor Barnes, the ice-cutters started out in single file. As they passed Doc-"It's like this, my dear," he said.

tor Barnes glanced at me, and my heart almost stopped. "Do they-is it a match?" he asked. hands-offish as a curly porcupine. And with his eyes on mine. It is human nature, by the same token, I couldn't speak, but I nodded "yes," to like to be bulliad, especially about and all that afternoon I could see the tion says your father has given his health, and to respect and admire the wonderful smile that lit up his face consent and that you can go and buy a fellow who does the bullying. That's as he went out.

Miss Cobb stopped at the news stand | wear, right off?" why we were crazy about Roosevelt. kingly robes over them while they lie was a homely woman at any time, and with her back to me, "what of it? on their faces and eat dirt-and in her bloomers she looked like a Didn't you and Mr. Pierce both do soup-bone. She padded over to the your best to bring it about?" He reached for my hand again, but I counter in her gym shoes, and for once she'd forgotten her legs. "May I speak to you, Minnie?" she side to the human nature, and our asked.

"You mostly do," I said. "There leave this awful place!" isn't a new rule about speaking, is

in such a state of ex-I see you bought to speak, and then of whipping off his dance."

ly. It would have been like lending feet away, trying to think of somean engagement ring, to my mind thing ordinary to say. Because th at once to what had brought her, and was always on the end of his tongue. bent over the counter. "Minnie, you love Miss Jennings almost like a daughter, don't you?"

I'm not feeble yet." "Well, you wouldn't want to see her "I wouldn't have it." I answered.

deceived." "Then what do you call this?" She uncompromising they are,

Made Its Way to Fertilize

Similar Tree.

POLLEN HAD TRAVELED FAR | of that tree, nearly four hundred miles | away, had been carried on the wings of the wind over hill and vale and Russians at the battle of Pultowa, She found out the blossom that awaited was such a curiosity that she was its coming. ured 11/2 yards. Margaret of Savoy,

In Paris dwells a man interested in Where Apostles Fished. The abundance of fish in the Sea tian Herald. A friend who had been of Galilee continues to this day to be rare tree. In the winter he keeps it Apropos of the "red water" seen in at the hothouse, but when summer Syrians involves the use of nets, and about sait lakes Mr. F. Whitteron comes he carries it into his garden. probably identical in construction According to a recent latter from lia) the color was wholly due to a the wondrous flower. One summer's out all these centuries has been acbroke cut on the mere rumor of a are in various degrees of inebriation, the oval form changes to a circular fertilized the plant. At length they dan. The silt in that stream, how-

"I was looking for you," he said to "The bishop has just told me. "None." she said, looking up at him with wretchedness in her eyes, if he had only seen. "I am very happy." "She was just saying," I said bitter-

"I don't understand." "It is not hard to understand," she said, smiling. I wanted to slap her. "Father was unreasonable because he was ill. You have made him well. ! missives from Mr. Jones, but we did But she rather overdid the joy part "I think I'm stupid," he said.

know I'm unhappy. But isn't that what

I was to do-to make them well if I "Yes. And more than that, he is could?" making desperate love to Miss Sum-"How could anybody know-" she mers. Three of those letters were began angrily, and then stopped. "You written in one day! Why, even Mr. have done even more," sweetly. "You've turned them into "The wretch!" I cried I was sud-cherubims and seraphims. Butter

can't. And if it isn't love-" He re-

"Please go on," she said sweetly

"Then give me a little advice and

"As long as you are in this mood, I

can't give you anything but a very good day," he said angrily, and went

toward the door. But when he had al-

known for three days that Mr. Tho

must have known his purpose."

per?" she demanded angrily.

Ugh!"

they will leave."

burn was going to have a supper to-

was. I'd never suspected she knew.

She looked at him over her shoul-

"Why shouldn't he have a sup-

starving-we're all starving for decent

food. I'm kept here against my will.

able meal? You with your wretched

stewed fruits and whole-wheat breads!

"I'm sorry. Thoburn's idea, of course,

is to make the guests discontented, so

"Oh!" she said. She hadn't thought

of that, and she flushed. "At least,"

she said, "you must give me credit for

"I will say this," he said, "you have

most reached it he turned.

membered me suddenly and stopped.

"I wouldn't presume to scold."

denly savage. Miss Cobb was reach- would't melt in their mouths." ing out for the bundle. I snatched it He smiled... "My amiability must be the reason "Give me those letters instantly," you dislike me!" he suggested. They she cried shrilly. But I marched from | had both forgotten me. "Do I dislike you?" she asked, raisbehind the counter and over to the

ing her eyebrows. "I never really thought about it, but I'm sure I don't." "Never," I said, and put the package on the log. When they were safely She didn't look at him, she looked at blazing, I turned and looked at Miss me. She knew I knew she lied. His smile faded. "Well," he said, "speaking of dislik-

"What is it? A bomb?" I asked,

"Yes, a bomb," she said. "Minnie,

last night, when the Summers woman

Jones-"

from her.

ing amiability, you don't hate yourletters to save Miss Patty a heartache," I said, "and you know it."
"You're a fool." She was raging. self. I'm sure." "You are wrong," she retorted, "You'll let her marry him and have loathe myself." And she walked to the heartaches afterward." the window. He took a step or two "She won't marry him," I snapped, and walked away with my chin up, "Why do it at all?" he asked in a ow tone. "You don't love him-and

leaving her staring. But I wasn't so sure as I pretended to be. Mr. von Inwald and Mr. Jennings had been closeted together most of the morning, and Mr. von Inwald from the window. "Do not mind Minwas whistling as he started out for the nie. She is my conscience anyhow. military walk. It seemed as if the She is always scoiding me; you might very thing that had given Mr. Pierce both scold in chorus." his chance to make good had improved Mr. Jennings' disposition match the same thing match each oth- enough to remove the last barrier to look superior and righteous. I'm acer-! What do you say?-Barnes." Miss Jennings' wedding with somecustomed to that also."

"I'd put my hand right beside those

CHAPTER XIV.

Even if we hadn't known, we'd have guessed there was something in the air. There was an air of subdued ex-Well, I had to keep calm and attend springhouse, and a good bit of whiswould break up with faces as long as the moral law the moment they saw

They were planning a mutiny, as you may say, and I guess no sailors the captain's fist than they were of Mr. Pierce's disapproval. He'd been smart enough to see that most of them. having bullied other people all their lives liked the novelty of being bullied themselves. And now they were getting a new thrill by having a revolt. They were terribly worked up.

Miss Patty stayed after the others had gone, sitting in front of the empty fireplace in the same chair Mr. Pierce usually took, and keeping her back to When I'd finished folding the steamer rugs and putting them away, I vent around and stood in front of her.

"Your eyes are red," I remarked.
"I've got a cold." She was very "Your nose isn't red." I insisted.

"And, anyhow, you say you never have a cold." "I wish you would let me alone, Min-

nie." She turned her back to me. "I dare say I may have a cold if I wish." "Do you know what they are saying here?" I demanded. "Do you know that Miss Cobb has found out in some way or other who Mr. von Inwald is? And that the four o'clock gossip edidiadem or whatever you are going to "Well." she said, in a choked voice

"Our what?" I couldn't believe my

"You made father well. He's s p-pleasant he'll do anything-except

not trying to spoil Dick and Dolly's "Well, of all the ungrateful peochance here." ple-" I began, and then Mr. Pierce "We are going to allow the party to "This is important, Minnie," she came in. He had a curious way of go on." he said, stiff and uncomprosophisticated as the devil. I'll tell you bread and apple sauce, and after a said, rolling her eyes around as she stopping when he saw her, as if she ing. It would have been better if he'd one thing, though." She reached down while they'll forget the fat days, and always did when she was excited. "I'm just took the wind out of his sails, so accepted her bit of apology. "How kind of you! I dare say he would have it, anyhow." She was sarcastic again. in his eyes. He always went straight "Probably. And you-will go?" "I'm not lending them." I said firm- to her and stopped suddenly about two "Certainly." "Even when the result-"Oh, don't preach!" she said, putting her hands to her ears. "If you and Minnie want to preach, why don't But this day he didn't light up when you preach at each other? Minnie he saw her. He went through all the talks 'love, love, love.' And you preach other motions, but his mouth was set health and morality. You drive me "Like a sister, Miss Cobb," I said. in a straight line, and when he came crazy between you." close to her and looked down his eyes were hard. It's been my experience of men that the younger they are the

> old man has to buy them. Oldtime Bearded Women. A bearded woman was taken by the given to Czar Peter I. Her beard meas-

harder they take things and the more young man has to steal them and an

in the Amazon brought him home a the wonder of travelers. For the stiff beard. In Bavaria at the time of most part the fishing done by the Wolfius there lived a woman with a great long beard. Mile. Bois de Chene, born at Geneva, it was said, in 1834, writes that in all samples examined So beautiful is the bloom that he gave with those of the Apostles, and the was exhibited in London when she by him (at Geelong, Victoria, Austra- garden parties that men might behold best evidence that the fishing through- was eighteen years old. She had a profuse head of hair and strong black beard. Mark Twain in Sarcastic Mood. -whother he labels himself Unionis: Come Having placed quantities of living matter are seen to be intensely only tree of the kind in Paris, and of this lake, with its everchanging ly to be at fault, after all, and thereor Nationalist -is at heart a rebel, beer where the monkeys can get at pigmented with a red coloring matter, they could not understand from reflections, is in striking contrast with fore ought to be received with great a Dublin riot which it, the natives wait until their victims When the brine becomes saturated whence had come the pollen that had the muddy depths of the River Jor- caution," said the late Mark Twain the union of Ireland with and when they mingle with them the shape. When such a brine begins to published the story in the papers, and ever, does not seem to inconvenience pened by any woman. If you have wit-

"Even the cleverest and most perfect circumstantial evidence is like "Take the case of any pencil shar

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daughter of Maximilian I., emperor of

Germany, and governor of the Nether

INTERNATIONAL. **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 4 JESUS AND THE CHILDREN.

LESSON TEXT-Mark 9:30-41; 10:13-16 GOLDEN TEXT-"Gird yourselves with numility, to serve one another; for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."-I Pet. 5:5.

We now return to the New Testament, and during this year finish those studies on the life of Christ which were followed during the year 1912. Almost as though it were an answer to the question, "who are for him, and who are against him?" that was asked in the last lesson for that year, we have presented for our study today. the relations of Jesus with children. In his teachings about children, as about so many other things, Jesus stands unique among all religious teachers.

The events of this lesson occurred during the summer of A. D. 29, during the time of his Perean ministry, which extended from his final departure from Galilee until his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, a period of about five months.

Lust for Power.

I. A Wayside Dispute, vv. 30-37.-As though by way of contrast, the lesson committee has given us this side-light as to the effect, up to this time, upon the hearts of the disciples of those great truths Jesus had been teaching them, about the method whereby he was to establish his kingdom. The disciples lusted for power, a wrangling which had not yet ceased. Jesus waited until they had arrived at Capernaum, and ther heat had cooled somewhat before taking any notice of the dispute. In response to his questioning they held their peace, for, after reflection, they were ashamed of what had taken place, v. 34. Jesus then presented to them a concrete example of what is to be required of all of those who shall seek to enter into this new kingdom. That was a more pertinent question than the one they had just been discussing. (Luke 18:15-17) tells us that these disciples desired to send the children away, hence the words, Suffer them to come." Ever after, when this mean, low, ambition to be "the greatest" came up, there must have arisen before them, in memory, this picture. His appeal to children meets a well nigh universal response in the hearts of men. The fact that the child was so near at hand is suggestive of the attractiveness of Jesus. of him (v. 32), not so, however, the of God?' That means from whence is child. For us to receive one who perfectly trusts him is to receive Jesus from the world. Satan is an imitator. himself, and to receive Jesus is to re- He has a church (Rev. 2:9); a minisnight, and you didn't let us know. You ceive the Father, for he came as the try (2 Cor. 11:1315); a membership revelation of God, Col. 2:9. To enter the kingdom is of course preliminary to any question of precedence in that kingdom. Jesus taught these disciples that as a little child is teachable (Matt. 18:3), so must all be who are to follow him. A child's readiness to believe that which is told him is another trait Jesus must also have had in mind. A child's obedience to authority and readiness to serve are who desire to enter his kingdom.

Thus Jesus contrasts the spirit of had just shown. The lower we put ourselves the higher God will exalt us, Phil. 2:6-11. Jesus rebuked his disciples and taught them that rather than seek the place of authority and leadership, they ought to take the place of a child, that they may be taught and be ruled. II. Authority Denied, vv. 38-41. The

spirit manifested by these disciples (v. 38) is far from having been removed from the earth after all of these years. The ability to cast out devils in the name of Jesus was evidence were for, and not against, him, vv. 39, 40. It is not, however, the ability to cast out the devils, but rather the fact that a service had been performed "in his name," which bulked large in his mind. Such is the service that has its reward, v. 41) and Matt. 12:30. It is impossible for one to do a mighty work in the name of Jesus, and then quickly to speak evil of him. Who are we to judge any man or to "lay aught against God's elect, it is God that justifieth." Rom 8:33. If any cast out demons in the name of Christ, giving-Christ the glory, let us beware of saying aught against them, though they belong not to our party, least we oursalves stand condemned. Set Good Example.

III. Angels in Disguise, 10:13-16.

This attitude of Jesus towards those children about him (9:36) led others to bring their children to him, and on himself, that his death was in cur among these were the babies, Luke stead. It is not enough to say that 18:15. Try and picture the scene as Christ's death exerted a moral influ-Jesus extended his hands in blessed ence upon mankind, or that it was an benediction. What effect this blessing example of self-sacrificing love, or may have had upon a baby's heart we even that God needed, by such a are not told, but we can imagine that a sense of responsibility for Christian nurture must have remained with these parents, Eph. 6:4. Those in charge of these children have set us a good example in bringing them thus early to Jesus. To allow children to reach the "years of undertanding" before teaching them the way of life, is as unreasonable as is neglect teaching children the habits of physical cleanliness, until they are old enough to understand sanitation hygiene, or the laws of medical science. The kingdom of God is for them, e. g., "for to such belongeth the kingdom of God." v. 14. A. R. V., not that children are by nature born in the kingdom, but that their spirit of humility and teachableness fits them to enter the kingdom. Hence the greater ease we find in leading a child to a definite acceptance of Jesus Christ, than we find in the case of grown persons. As we look back over these incl-

dents we are impressed by the fact that those who engage in such a silly, nay, even wicked a discussion as to the matter of pre-eminence-whather it be that they had a spiritual or temporal idea of that kingdom-secod dumb before him when called upon to justify themselves. Those who fain would send the children away are rebuked, and it is revealed to them that these stoo I nearer to the Christ than did the disciples themselves. Even those not socially nor personally attractive may be received "in my

···· False Teachers and Teaching

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TEXT-1 John, Chapter 4



According to the Bible, the teach ing of false doctrine is to characterize the last days. Jesus, Paul. Peter and John constantly this truth. The importance of this warning is enconsider that the issue at stake is the soul of man. The church is under obligation to test the teach-

ings and doctrines offered to her, for there always have been, and always will be, men who are desirous to utter any new fancy that seizes them, or to lispute any accepted doctrine of faith which they themselves are not willing to accept. There is need of caution, herefore, against a too ready acceptance of any prophet or teacher. Sin-cerity in a teacher is not sufficient; earnestness and fervor are no guarantee of the truth of the message delivared; perspiration is not inspiration. and it is not a sufficient ground of acceptance of a man to simply say. "He believes what he preaches

Fortunately, it is possible for the true Christian to make such discernment. Paul, in 1 Cor. 12, and John, in his first epistle, second chapter, clearly state this fact. It may be true that some Christians have the gift of the discernment of spirits in a special way; it is nevertheless true that all Christians may be able, by the indwelling Holy Spirit, to discern the false from the true.

Not only is such a test possible, but it is obligatory. A careful study of the seven letters in the book of Revelation enforces this truth. In apostolic mays false teachers "went out" the church, but in these days they "stay in" the church when ofttimes they should be put out. We should be careful lest in our attempt to be hospitable to all truth we entertain the devil unawares. Yet we must hold the truth in love. There is nothing that will more quickly quench the fire of love on the altar of the heart than heresy hunting.

In the chapter we are considering. the apostle tells us that the point to The disciples were seemingly afraid be proven about teachers is, "Are they their message derived, from God or ntative of the Father, the full (1 John 3:10); and gives power to work signs (2 Thess, 2:9).

The proof that a man's teaching is divine in its origin is settled by his at-(Col. 4:9). Names and sects and parties fall: Jesus Christ is all in all. All professing Christian teaching must be judged by its relation to Jesus Christ. Belief in the incarnation or Virgin birth is a sign that a man's teaching traits of character necessary to those is from God (4:2,3; 5:1). There must be the belief that the historical Jesus is the anointed Savior of the world: umility with that of pride which they | this fact of history must be also a fact of faith. There can be no dodging this question: "Jesus is anathema" or else "Jesus is Lord." We may make all the progress in the doctrines of Christ possible, but we must be careful that our progress is in the truth, and not away from the truth. There is an advance, even in the doctrine of Christ, which is not progress but apostasy (2 John

The next point to be settled with re gard to Christ is the acceptance of his Deity (2:18-28; 4:5, 15, 16; 5:5, 20). True Christian doctrine acknowledge Jesus Christ not merely as Divine, but as Deity, and as such he is worshipped. The Babe in Bethlehem's manger God manifest in the flesh, in him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead. That teaching is false which separates the Christ from Jesus. "This is he that came by water and by blood"-these words deny that teaching which states that some form of Delty came on Christ at his baptism and left him at the cross. Jesus Christ cannot be divided: he is "the same, yesterday, to day and forever." It is vital that a teacher from God

be sound with regard to the nature of the redemptive work of Christ. John is emphatic about this (compare 2:1.2: 3:5, 4:9,10,14; 5:6). Jesus Christ gave his life as a ransom for our sins; we are reconciled to God by the death of ais son; Jesus Christ is the propitiation for our sins; he is the Savior of the world. All this means that Jesus Christ took our place and our sins up ragedy, to give the world an illustralion of his anger against sin. Of course. Christ's death is the supreme manifestation of God's love, and it does show his anger towards sin, but it goes jurther than that. It has a relation to the sin of man. Christ in his death paid the wages of sin; the atonement settles the question of sin's guilt and 'edemption: "Who, his own self, bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye are healed."

We are always inspired, but we inreseartly stifle the inspiration. God does not cease to speak; but the noise of the creatures without and of our passions within confuses un, and prevents our hearing. We must silence every creature, including self. that in the deep stillness of the roul we may perceive the ineffable voice.

The day ought not to be lous of tant when the churches of all denom inations will regard the prisoners as a mission field worthy their own attertion and support; when they will betuse longer to place the state to the necessity of paying for the sources at chaplains for these institutions - Pos-

We cannot fall if we live slangs in the brave and cheerful attitude of mind and heart. He alone falls also

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